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RATE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of agricultural production fixed for each of the last three years and the extent to which it has been achieved along with the details in this regard;

(b) the reasons due to which fixed target could not be achieved; and

(c) the target fixed for agricultural production for the year 2001-02 and the steps taken by the Government to achieve the target fixed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The targets fixed in respect of important crops/group of crops during 1998- 99 to 2001-02 and the achievements during 1998-99 to 2000-01 are given in the annexure.

Realisation of targets depends on a number of factors such as performance of monsoons, technological developments, farm management skills, timely application of inputs, demand of agricultural produce etc. In particular, the agricultural production in the country is greatly influenced by the extent and spread of rainfall as about 62% of net area sown is dependent on rains for water. Deficient rainfall also adversely affects the irrigation potential. However, to increase production in the country, the Government inter alia, decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States from November 2000. The scheme integrates 27 schemes into one Macro Management scheme for supplementation/complementation of states` efforts through work plans which gives flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim at all-round development of agriculture.

Annexure

Targets and Achievement of Production of Mjaor Crops in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01

(Million Tonnes)

S. No.	Crop/ Group of Crops	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02
		Targets	Prod.	Targets	Prod.	Targets	Prod.+	Targets
1.	Rice	86.00	86.08	86.00	89.48	90.00	86.30	92.00
2.	Wheat	74.00	71.29	74.00	75.57	74.00	68.46	78.00
3.	Coarse Cereals	34.50	31.33	34.50	30.47	33.00	30.25	33.00
4.	Pulses	15.50	14.91	15.50	13.35	15.00	11.06	15.00
5.	Foodgrains	210.00	203.61	210.00	208.87	212.00	196.07	218.00
6.	Oilseeds	27.00	24.75	27.00	20.87	28.00	18.20	28.00

7 Sugarcane 300.00 288.72 305.00 299.23 325.00 300.32 325.00

8. Cotton # 14.80 12.29 15.00 11.64 14.50 9.39 14.50

9. Jute & Mesta @ 10.25 9.81 11.00 10.53 10.00 10.37 11.00

Million Bales of 170 kg. Each
@ Million Bales of 180 kg Each
+ As per Advance Estimates released on 29.6.2001